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- Gasoline prices continued to hit record highs across California, as the governor ordered emergency steps October 7 to increase the State's supply. – *KNSD 7 San Diego* (See item [4](#))
- The United States brought charges against 530 people October 9, over mortgage schemes that cost homeowners more than \$1 billion. More than 73,000 homeowners were victims of various frauds for which charges were filed during a year-long crackdown. – *Bloomberg News* (See item [15](#))
- Hundreds of thousands of users who signed up for an inexpensive proxy service called Proxybox.name ended up installing a trojan linked to a botnet first detected during the summer. Researchers at Symantec reverse engineered the Backdoor.Proxybox malware and unearthed a major black hat operation and perhaps the actual malware developer. – *Threatpost* (See item [60](#))
- Two top telecom infrastructure vendors from China — Huawei and ZTE — pose potential cyber espionage threats, according to a panel of U.S. lawmakers on intelligence. The panel suggested that telecom networks built on Huawei and ZTE gear could provide a way for the Chinese government to install listening vectors. – *Infosecurity* (See item [64](#))

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## **Energy Sector**

1. *October 9, Homeland Security News Wire* – (Texas) **Dallas area earthquakes were caused by fracking: Geophysicists.** Three earthquakes that hit a Dallas suburb the week of October 1 could be connected to fracking operations, according to a local geophysicist who studies earthquakes in the region. RT reported that the earthquakes were considered minor, with the biggest one registering a 3.4 on the Richter scale. A senior scientific researcher and associate director at the University of Texas believed the earthquakes were related. In a study published in the journal Proceedings of National Academy of Sciences in August 2012, he found that 67 earthquakes occurred between November 2009 and December 2011 within a 43-mile grid where fracking occurs over the northern Texas Barnett Shale formation. Twenty-four of the earthquakes, where the epicenter could be reliably mapped, occurred within 2 kilometers of the injection wells for wastewater disposal from fracking.  
Source: <http://www.homelandsecuritynewswire.com/dr20121008-dallas-area-earthquakes-were-caused-by-fracking-geophysicists>

2. *October 9, Summit County Citizens Voice* – (Wyoming) **More data shows groundwater pollution from fracking.** The Summit County Citizens Voice reported October 9 that there is more evidence suggesting that fracking in Wyoming is polluting groundwater near the town of Pavilion. A U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) water quality sampling appeared to show similar results as an earlier Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) study. The 2011 EPA sampling was one of the first to document hydrocarbons consistent with fracking fluid chemicals in drinking water wells and monitoring wells located near natural gas wells. The latest USGS study was conducted specifically to check EPA's results. To try and interpret the raw sampling data, the Sierra Club, Earthworks, and the Natural Resources Defense Council worked with a hydrologist and independent expert. The expert found that the USGS data supported EPA's initial findings. The USGS report found that thermogenic gas, which very likely comes from fracked deep-shale formations, continued to increase in a

monitoring well. This evidence strongly suggests that as a result of fracking gas is seeping into Pavillion's water.

Source: <http://summitcountyvoice.com/2012/10/09/more-data-shows-groundwater-pollution-from-fracking/>

3. ***October 7, WCAX 3 Burlington – (Vermont) Copper thieves target substations.*** Green Mountain Power (GMP) said copper thefts from its electric substations all over Vermont are reaching the point where thieves are threatening the lives of utility workers and the nearby public, WCAX 3 Burlington reported October 7. The utility said that over the past two months four sub-stations have been vandalized by copper thieves. GMP stated at one substation the thieves cut the lock to the gate, which created a public hazard by allowing access to a dangerous facility. Also, power to customers must be cut to make the repairs following the break-ins.

Source: <http://www.wcax.com/story/19758861/copper-thieves-targetsubstations>

4. ***October 7, KNSD 7 San Diego – (California) Gas prices hit new record Sunday.*** Gasoline prices continued to hit record highs across California, as the governor ordered emergency steps October 7 to increase the State's supply. A run on supplies at the wholesale level prompted a massive spike in prices at the pump that has plagued consumers for the past week. Under pressure to help alleviate the tight market, the governor asked State regulators to allow refineries to start mixing and selling a particular type of gasoline that is usually only available in the State during the winter. The move was aimed at increasing the supply of gasoline available to small gas stations, and ultimately to consumers. A power outage at a major southern California Exxon refinery and fears of contamination in a Kern County pipeline drove supplies down further. To make matters worse, a northern California refinery struck by fire earlier in 2012 is still not back up to capacity.

Source: <http://www.nbcstandiego.com/news/national-international/Gas-Prices-Hit-New-Record-Sunday-los-angeles-auto-club-california-173031861.html>

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## Chemical Industry Sector

5. ***October 8, Port Chester Patch – (New York) Ammonia leak causes evac, road closures.*** An ammonia leak October 8, at the Saxony Ice Company in the Village of Mamaroneck, New York prompted the closure of two roads and forced an evacuation, according to the village manager. Portions of two roads were temporarily closed to motorists and pedestrians. “[The accident] is isolated and not as severe as the last event we had in 2009,” the village manager said. Village of Mamaroneck police and fire departments responded to the leak, along with the Westchester County HAZMAT team.  
Source: <http://portchester.patch.com/articles/ammonia-leak-causes-evac-road-closures-820b0334>
6. ***October 6, The Daily News – (New York) EPA finalizes \$14M Diaz cleanup plan.*** The Federal Government spent \$12 million cleaning up the former Diaz Chemical site in Holley, New York, and will spend \$14.5 million more ridding the soil

of chemicals, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the week of October 1. The EPA discussed the plan in Holley September 5, and after a 30-day comment period, the agency announced it will move ahead with the proposal. The soil and ground water are contaminated with volatile and semi-volatile organic compounds, which can cause serious damage to people's health, the EPA said. The EPA's cleanup plan uses a thermal technology to treat six areas of soil and ground water that continue to cause contamination of ground water in a broader area. For three decades, Diaz manufactured specialty chemicals for the agricultural, pharmaceutical, photographic, color and dye, and personal care products industries. In June 2003, Diaz filed for bankruptcy and abandoned the facility. The EPA added the Diaz Chemical site to the Superfund list of the most contaminated hazardous waste sites in 2004.

Source: [http://thedailynewsonline.com/news/article\\_a1762c55-f940-5b0c-8dc7-8548bc019f73.html](http://thedailynewsonline.com/news/article_a1762c55-f940-5b0c-8dc7-8548bc019f73.html)

7. ***October 6, Bakersfield Californian* – (California) Nitric acid spill causes vapor cloud, road closures.** One person suffered minor injuries after nitric acid spilled during a product transfer in McFarland, California, according to a Kern County Fire Department news release. The chemical spill, which happened October 6, caused a vapor cloud, prompting evacuations and road closures, firefighters reported. The spill happened in a building in an orchard, said a fire engineer. Hazardous materials crews assessed the damage and severity of the spill. Personnel drove to the areas where the cloud was moving and evacuated people, including farm workers. Later, a news release indicated the spill was no longer progressing — it was considered to be in a static state and the incident was moving to clean-up mode. A total of 20 fire personnel were sent to the incident, as were officials from the Kern County Environmental Health Department, California Highway Patrol, and Kern County Sheriff's Department.

Source: <http://www.bakersfieldcalifornian.com/local/breaking-news/x1903886146/Nitric-acid-spill-causes-vapor-cloud-road-closures>

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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector**

8. ***October 9, Nuclear Street* – (Washington) USS enterprise reactor component disposal likely at Hanford.** The Departments of Defense (DOD) and the Department of Energy (DOE) have largely cleared the way for the Hanford, Washington site to dispose of reactor parts from the Navy's oldest operating aircraft carrier, Nuclear Street reported October 9. Concurring with the DOD, the DOE issued a finding of no significant impact stating that there are no environmental issues that would preclude component disposal in a trench holding parts from 114 other nuclear Navy vessels. The administrative actions are among the last steps before the disposal plan was granted final approval. Commissioned in 1961, the USS Enterprise is powered by eight, 26 megawatt Westinghouse A2W pressurized water reactors burning highly enriched uranium. The carrier is serving its final mission supporting the war in Afghanistan and is scheduled to be retired in December. In about five years, following fuel removal at Newport News Shipbuilding, it would be towed to a shipyard in Bremerton, Washington. There, the reactor compartments would be removed, enclosed, and

shipped by barge via the Columbia River toward Hanford's Trench 94. That process is expected to take six to eight years.

Source:

[http://nuclearstreet.com/nuclear\\_power\\_industry\\_news/b/nuclear\\_power\\_news/archive/2012/10/09/uss-enterprise-reactor-component-disposal-likely-at-hanford-100902.aspx](http://nuclearstreet.com/nuclear_power_industry_news/b/nuclear_power_news/archive/2012/10/09/uss-enterprise-reactor-component-disposal-likely-at-hanford-100902.aspx)

9. ***October 8, Oak Ridge Today*** – (Tennessee) **ORNL locked down Sunday as officials investigate security concern.** Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, was locked down for more than four hours October 7 as officials investigated a security-related concern that turned out to be unsubstantiated, a spokesman said. Officials took the proper precautions and stopped people from entering or leaving the lab during the lockdown, according to the ORNL communications director. The ORNL Communications Director said that there are about 100 support staff members at ORNL on Sundays, including at the Spallation Neutron Source and High Flux Isotope Reactor, and possibly another 50 researchers at the lab.

Source: <http://oakridgetoday.com/2012/10/08/ornl-locked-down-sunday-as-officials-investigate-security-concern/>

10. ***October 8, Nuclear Street*** – (Idaho) **DOE proposes fine for INL contractor after worker radiation exposure.** The Department of Energy (DOE) plans to fine Battelle Energy Alliance \$412,500 following incidents of worker exposure to radiation at the Idaho National Laboratory in 2011. The company stopped radiological work twice for worker training, which among other safety efforts prompted the agency to reduce the fine from \$600,000. The DOE issued a preliminary notice of violation October 4 after its investigation found four severity level I violations and one severity level III violation. They addressed incidents that occurred at the eastern Idaho site in August and November of 2011. The first resulted in a worker receiving an unplanned extremity dose of about 3.6 rem at the Hot Fuel Examination Facility and followed an incident 8 months earlier resulting in two workers receiving extremity doses in excess of 9 rem. The November incident, at the Zero Power Physics Reactor, involved a broken plutonium fuel plate and required decontamination of 16 workers, with Americium-241 later detected in the lungs of two of them. “Both of these events involved deficient work control documents and failures to perform work consistent with approved procedures,” the DOE notice read. Battelle will have 30 days to reply to the notice before the agency takes further action.

Source:

[http://nuclearstreet.com/nuclear\\_power\\_industry\\_news/b/nuclear\\_power\\_news/archive/2012/10/08/doe-proposes-fine-for-inl-contractor-after-worker-radiation-exposure-100801.aspx](http://nuclearstreet.com/nuclear_power_industry_news/b/nuclear_power_news/archive/2012/10/08/doe-proposes-fine-for-inl-contractor-after-worker-radiation-exposure-100801.aspx)

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

11. ***October 8, Associated Press*** – (National) **Honda recalls 2002-2006 CR-V for fire risk.** Honda and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHSTA)

announced October 6 that Honda Motor Co. is recalling CR-V crossovers from the 2002 to 2006 model years because an electrical switch in the driver's side door could melt and cause a fire. The problem involves around 268,000 vehicles. Honda said rain or other liquids could enter through a driver's open window and damage the master power switch on the door. If that happens, the switch could overheat and melt, causing a fire. NHTSA said owners should park CR-Vs from those model years outside until the recall is performed to avoid any property damage from a fire. A fire could start even when the ignition is off and the CR-V is parked. The company will begin contacting owners in November and will repair the vehicles for free. Honda will install a cover plate inside the switch to prevent any liquid from coming entering the vehicle.

Source: [http://www.kypost.com/dpps/news/national/honda-recalls-2002-2006-cr-v-for-fire-risk\\_7912028](http://www.kypost.com/dpps/news/national/honda-recalls-2002-2006-cr-v-for-fire-risk_7912028)

12. ***October 6, Associated Press – (National) Over 40,000 vehicles involved in Chrysler recall.*** Tens of thousands of Chrysler pick-up trucks are involved in a national recall. Chrysler announced nearly 45,000 vehicles could have rear axle problems, the Associated Press reported October 6. 2009-2010 models of the Ram 1500 and Dodge Dakota could have a lack of an adhesive, which could cause the rear axle pinion nut to loosen. If that nut does become loose, the axle can lock up, and the driver could lose control and crash. According to Chrysler, there have been 15 reports of axle failure which resulted in 3 minor injuries. The recall involves 44,300 vehicles built between July and November of 2009. Chrysler will notify owners of the recall beginning in November. Dealers will install a retainer to secure the pinion nut free of charge.  
Source: <http://www.newsnet5.com/dpp/money/consumer/over-40000-vehicles-involved-in-chrysler-recall>
13. ***October 5, Associated Press – (National) Feds studying problems with Ford Escape throttles.*** U.S. safety regulators are looking into throttle problems in older Ford Escapes at the request of a consumer group, the Associated Press reported October 5. The nonprofit North Carolina Consumers Council asked federal regulators to investigate two complaints from drivers who say the small SUV stalled or surged forward. The government will look at 1.6 million Escapes from the 2005 to 2012 model years. If the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) decides to launch a formal investigation, it could lead to a recall of some of the popular SUVs. In the latest case, released by NHTSA October 5, the consumers council said Ford sent a number of advisories to dealers about Escapes stalling and surging. Technical service bulletins were sent out to help mechanics spot problems and fix them. The Escape has been recalled four times since July, with the 2013 version responsible for three of the recalls.  
Source: <http://www.myfoxal.com/story/19744171/feds-studying-problems-with-ford-escape-throttles>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

14. *October 4, Needham Times* – (Massachusetts) **Needham lab under investigation after explosion burns man.** An employee of a Needham, Massachusetts-based laboratory suffered major burns from a toxic chemical explosion October 3, according to Needham Fire Department reports. While disposing of leftover chemicals at Microwave Development Laboratories, the employee mixed flammable epoxy and urethane waste paint product with the acid iridite, causing an explosion and fire, according to reports. He was not wearing any special protective gear. When fire officials responded, the man had already left ridden with a coworker to a local hospital, and was later transported to a burn unit at a Boston hospital. Upon arrival, officials evacuated the building and called the State Fire Marshall's HAZMAT team to treat the site. Fire officials did not enter the room because they did not know how toxic the area was, the fire chief said. Officials reportedly removed a section of the affected equipment with burning residue and extinguished the fire. The fire was contained within the room, the fire chief said. Dismissal at a nearby elementary school was briefly delayed in response to the incident.

Source: <http://www.wickedlocal.com/needham/news/x738671874/Needham-lab-under-investigation-after-explosion-burns-man#axzz28oWZc5mf>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

15. *October 9, Bloomberg News* – (National) **U.S. charges 530 in mortgage probe with \$1 billion in losses.** The United States brought charges against 530 people over mortgage schemes that cost homeowners more than \$1 billion, the Attorney General said October 9. More than 73,000 homeowners were victims of various frauds for which charges were filed during a year-long crackdown, including “foreclosure rescue schemes” that take advantage of those who have fallen behind on payments, the Justice Department said in a statement. Typical schemes involved promises to homeowners that foreclosures could be prevented by payment of a fee, according to the statement. As part of the schemes, “investors” purchase the mortgage or the titles of homes are transferred to those taking part in the fraud, resulting in homeowners losing their property, the department said.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-10-09/u-s-charges-530-in-mortgage-fraud-probe-with-1-billion-losses.html>

16. *October 8, Lewiston-Auburn Sun Journal* – (National) **TD Bank notifies customers of March security breach.** TD Bank is notifying an unknown number of customers that backup computer tapes containing their confidential personal information, including bank account and Social Security numbers, were “misplaced,” putting them at risk for identity theft, Lewiston-Auburn Sun Journal reported October 8. Although the security breach occurred in March, the bank only recently began sending letters to customers. A TD Bank spokeswoman said the delay was necessary as the bank conducted an internal investigation. The security breach occurred when two backup tapes from a computer

server were shipped from one TD Bank location to another. The tapes were misplaced in Massachusetts. That investigation is ongoing and the bank contacted Massachusetts law enforcement, as well. TD Bank began telling customers about the security breach several weeks ago. A spokeswoman declined to say how many customers were affected, though she said they live throughout the bank's East Coast coverage area, from Florida to Maine. Notification letters are being sent and will continue until late October. Only affected customers will receive a letter.

Source: <http://www.sunjournal.com/news/lewiston-auburn/2012/10/08/td-bank-notifies-customers-march-security-breach/1262474>

17. ***October 8, Sarasota Herald-Tribune*** – (Florida) **Sarasota mortgage broker indicted on fraud charges.** A mortgage broker in Sarasota, Florida, who recruited investors to join him in a series of boomtime real estate deals, was indicted on 11 counts of bank fraud, the Sarasota Herald-Tribune reported October 8. From March 2003 through July 2008, the suspect bought and resold houses at higher prices to investors and filled out mortgage applications with false information so that investors could get loans, an indictment filed in Tampa's U.S. District Court says. His management company later rented out the houses, however, the indictment said he failed to use the proceeds "to pay all the expenses associated with the residential properties" as promised. He pleaded "not guilty" to the charges. A trial date was tentatively scheduled for December. He bought and sold more than 41 new homes worth \$11.6 million in Sarasota and Manatee counties from 2006 to 2007, and made more than \$1 million in profits along the way. He recruited more than 30 investors into the property-sharing venture.  
Source: <http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20121008/ARTICLE/121009652/-1/news?p=1&tc=pg>

18. ***October 7, Tampa Bay Times*** – (Florida) **Police blame serial bandit for several Pinellas bank robberies.** The suspect arrested in connection with a bank robbery in St. Petersburg, Florida, October 5 was accused of being a serial robber responsible for at least three similar heists since May. He remained jailed October 6 as authorities stacked a litany of robbery and kidnapping charges against him. In each of the robberies, which began May 26 at a PNC Bank in Clearwater, a man pointed a small silver handgun at tellers and demanded cash. The man wore a hat and sunglasses while concealing the lower half of his face with a scarf or shirt. He was arrested after a group of undercover St. Petersburg police detectives spotted him in front of a PNC Bank. He pulled a shirt over his face while donning a ball cap and sunglasses and walked inside, police said. He emerged moments later and ran to a car in a nearby lot where officers stopped him. He had a chrome Davis Industries P-380 handgun and a large sum of cash on him, authorities said. Bank tellers confirmed he robbed them. Authorities later added charges that accused the suspect of the May 26 robbery, in which, police said, he ordered several tellers to the ground at gunpoint before fleeing with more than \$3,000. He also was charged in two robberies at banks in Clearwater and Largo, June 8 and 19, respectively.

Source: <http://www.tampabay.com/news/publicsafety/crime/police-blame-serial-bandit-for-several-pinellas-bank-robberies/1255246>

19. ***October 5, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission*** – (National) **SEC charges four brokers with defrauding customers in \$18.7 million scheme.** October 5, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) charged four brokers who formerly worked on the cash desk at a New York-based broker-dealer with illegally overcharging customers \$18.7 million by using hidden markups and markdowns and secretly keeping portions of profitable customer trades. The SEC alleges that the brokers purported to charge customers very low commission fees that were typically pennies or fractions of pennies per transaction, but in reality they reported false prices when executing the orders to purchase and sell securities on behalf of their customers. The brokers made their scheme especially difficult to detect because they deceptively charged the markups and markdowns during times of market volatility in order to conceal the fraudulent nature of the prices they were reporting to their customers. The surreptitiously embedded markups and markdowns ranged from a few dollars to \$228,000 and involved more than 36,000 transactions during a 4-year period. Some fees were altered by more than 1,000 percent of what was being told to customers.  
Source: <http://www.sec.gov/news/press/2012/2012-207.htm>
20. ***October 5, WLEX 18 Lexington*** – (Kentucky) **Georgetown home builder indicted for bank fraud.** A home builder from Georgetown, Kentucky, was accused of fraudulently obtaining more than a million dollars in loans from a Frankfort bank, WLEX 18 Lexington reported October 5. A federal grand jury in Lexington indicted the suspect for bank fraud, conspiracy, making false statements in a loan application, aiding and abetting bank embezzlement, and aggravated identity theft. The indictment alleges that starting in 2006, he began construction on a house and fraudulently obtained more loans from American Founders Bank (AFB) than he was entitled to receive. He obtained the loans by setting up shell corporations in the names of other people to bypass AFB's loan limits. He allegedly used some of the money from loans obtained to construct a house in Frankfort to pay off debt on other construction projects. He fraudulently received approximately \$1.4 million in loans from the bank, according to the indictment. The bank eventually foreclosed on the home, but allegedly suffered a significant financial loss.  
Source: <http://www.lex18.com/news/georgetown-home-builder-indicted-for-bank-fraud>
21. ***October 5, Orange County Register*** – (California) **FBI: ‘Desperate Bandit’ robs bank in La Habra.** A man police describe as the “Desperate Bandit” is believed to have struck October 5 at a Bank of the West in La Habra, California, marking the robber’s seventh hold-up. A man wearing a wig and a baseball cap entered the bank branch, handed a teller a typed note asking for money, and left with an undisclosed amount of cash, a FBI special agent said. Authorities previously described him as a white male, 35-40 years old, about 5-foot-10-inches to 6-feet tall with a light complexion and short, dark hair, although he reportedly wore a blond wig in the latest hold-up. While the man claimed to be armed, no weapon was seen and no injuries were reported. Authorities believe the robber is the “Desperate Bandit,” who has carried out previous hold-ups at banks in Placentia, Anaheim Hills, Tustin, Fullerton, Chino, and Corona.  
Source: <http://www.ocregister.com/news/desperate-373778-bandit-bank.html>

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## **Transportation Sector**

22. ***October 8, Newark Star-Ledger*** – (New Jersey) **Charter bus that injured 23 passengers not authorized for interstate service.** Federal records showed that a charter bus headed from Toronto to New York that crashed on Interstate 80 in New Jersey October 6, was not authorized for interstate passenger service, NorthJersey.com reported. The accident occurred October 6 when the overnight bus ran off the road near Exit 53 on Interstate 80, flipped on its side, and slid down an embankment. Of the 57 people on board, 23 were hospitalized for injuries. The report cited a spokesman for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) saying that the bus, AVM Max 2000 Charter Services of Toronto, has “no current operating authority” with the FMCSA. The FMCSA, an arm of the U.S. Department of Transportation that regulates interstate bus companies, was assisting New Jersey State Police in investigating the crash. Federal records also show that AVM has been cited four times in 2012 for violating federal “fatigued driving” regulations. Records show that the company’s authority to carry passengers was revoked July 9, 6 days after its liability insurance was canceled, NorthJersey.com reported.

Source: [http://www.nj.com/passaic-county/index.ssf/2012/10/charter\\_bus\\_that\\_injured\\_23\\_passengers\\_notAuthorized\\_for\\_interstate\\_service.html](http://www.nj.com/passaic-county/index.ssf/2012/10/charter_bus_that_injured_23_passengers_notAuthorized_for_interstate_service.html)

23. ***October 5, Sarasota Herald Tribune*** – (Florida) **I-75 reopened after Sarasota crash, no deaths.** A Florida Highway Patrol lieutenant and spokeswoman for the Sarasota County, Florida fire department described a scene on Interstate 75 near Lakewood Ranch as the biggest car accident they had seen in their careers, the Sarasota Herald Tribune reported October 5. Witnesses said the crash occurred amid a sudden downpour on an otherwise clear day. About 50 cars were involved, and the crashes created a chain reaction as cars stopped and swerved to avoid the wreckage ahead, but were hit themselves. Thirty-two people were taken to hospitals in ambulances, with two others flown by helicopter to a trauma center. About 20 more people were treated at the scene. None of the crashes resulted in death, and the patients who were airlifted had non-life-threatening injuries.

Source: <http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20121005/breaking/121009788?tc=ar>

24. ***October 5, First Coast News*** – (Florida) **20 crashes tie up westside traffic.** There were 20 crashes in a 4-mile area on the westside of Florida’s Interstate 10, October 5. According to a captain with the Florida Highway Patrol, 18 people were taken to the hospital, but none of the injuries were serious. The wrecks closed parts of I-10, but all lanes of I-10 were reopened October 5.

Source: <http://www.firstcoastnews.com/topstories/article/276988/483/Major-crash-tying-up-traffic-on-I-10-near-301>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

25. ***October 9, Elko Daily Free Press*** – (Nevada) **Bomb scare downtown.** A suspected pipe bomb reported by a UPS employee around October 8 prompted police to shut down a major portion of a downtown corridor for several hours in Elko, Nevada. After preliminary examinations, the Elko Bomb Squad decided to detonate the UPS drop-box containing the object. It proved to be “a huge, foot-long bolt, 3/4-inch with a nut on the end, crammed in with the other packages,” a police official said.  
Source: [http://elkodaily.com/news/bomb-scare-downtown/article\\_17dee074-11bf-11e2-ae58-0019bb2963f4.html](http://elkodaily.com/news/bomb-scare-downtown/article_17dee074-11bf-11e2-ae58-0019bb2963f4.html)
26. ***October 8, KSDK 5 St. Louis*** – (Missouri) **Mail carrier robbery reward offered.** The United States Postal Inspection Service is offering up to a \$25,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person who robbed a St. Louis mail carrier October 3, KSDK 5 St. Louis reported October 8. The mail carrier was not injured, authorities said, but a small amount of mail was stolen from her vehicle.  
Source: <http://www.ksdk.com/news/article/342157/3/Reward-for-information-on-mail-carrier-robbery>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

27. ***October 9, Food Safety News*** – (New York) **Fish recalled for botulism risk.** Krasnyi Oktyabr of Brooklyn, New York, issued a voluntary recall of its Beer Set Dried Rudd because it is potentially contaminated with Clostridium botulinum, Food Safety News reported October 9. The problem, an improperly removed gut, was discovered during a routine inspection by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets. The recalled product was imported from Russia. It comes in a vacuum packed 7-ounce (200 g) bag and has a best before date of October 22, 2012. The fish was sold to one retail store June 14 in New York City.  
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/10/fish-recalled-for-botulism-risk/>
28. ***October 8, U.S. Food and Drug Administration*** – (National) **Harry and David, LLC expands its voluntary recall of peanut butters, peanut spreads, and related products due to potential health risk based on the expanded recall by Sunland, Inc.** October 8, Harry and David, LLC expanded its recall of peanut butters, peanut spreads, and related products. Harry and David’s recall is in response to an expansion of Sunland, Inc.’s recall of products manufactured in its peanut butter plant after March 1, 2010. The affected products are 12-ounce jars of Harry & David brand Crunchy Almond and Peanut Butter, Creamy Banana Peanut Spread, Creamy Caramel Peanut Spread, and Creamy Raspberry Peanut Spread with best by dates of March 1, 2011 through September 24, 2013. The recall also includes the following multi-component food items which included the above-named peanut butter products as components: Harry & David Apple Snack Box, Wolferman’s Bee Sweet Gift Basket, Hearty Snack Gift Basket, All-Day Assortment Gift Basket, and Father’s Day Basket. Products were sold nationwide through Harry & David and Wolferman’s catalogs and Web sites, as

well as through Harry & David stores, between May 26, 2010 and September 25, 2012.  
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm323010.htm>

29. ***October 8, U.S. Food and Drug Administration – (National) Kraft Foods voluntarily recalls jalapeno variety of Kraft String Cheese with code date of 23 Nov 2012.*** Kraft Foods Group, Inc. voluntarily recalled the jalapeno variety of Kraft String Cheese with the best-when-used-by date of November 23, 2012, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported October 8. The recall was due to the possibility that a thin layer of plastic film from the package may remain adhered to the product and be a choking hazard. No other code dates of Kraft Jalapeno String Cheese, no other varieties of Kraft String Cheese, or any other Kraft Foods products were recalled. There has been one consumer complaint. Approximately 2,700 cases of the affected product were shipped to customers across the United States.  
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm323007.htm>
30. ***October 6, Lynn Daily Item – (Massachusetts) Fire, chemical leak at Revere candy factory injures two firefighters.*** A candy factory in Revere, Massachusetts, caused an ammonia leak October 5. The district fire chief said a fire broke out in the mechanical room of the New England Confectionery Company which contained tanks of ammonia commonly used for refrigeration and food preservation. As firefighters rushed into the building they were overcome by fumes. Two firefighters passed out and were taken to Massachusetts General Hospital where they were treated with oxygen. A State HAZMAT team responded and shut off valves controlling the ammonia, but they deemed the building contaminated, and it was left to ventilate. The fire chief said investigators did not know what caused the fire or the extent of the damage, and will not be able to investigate until HAZMAT teams allows them to re-enter the building.  
Source: <http://www.itemlive.com/articles/2012/10/06/updates/updates22.txt>
31. ***October 5, U.S. Food and Drug Administration – (Illinois; Wisconsin) Baensch Food Products Co. issues allergy alert on undeclared milk allergen in one lot code of Ma Baensch Marinated Herring in Wine Sauce.*** October 5, Baensch Food Products Co. of Milwaukee voluntarily recalled a single lot code of Ma Baensch Marinated Herring in Wine Sauce because it may contain an undeclared milk allergen. The product was distributed to select retail stores in Wisconsin and Rockford, Illinois beginning June 6, 2012. The product comes in a 24-ounce glass jar with the UPC number 71444910220, and a best-if-used by date of November 6, 2012. No other products or lot codes were affected by this recall. The recall was initiated after the company discovered a labeling error.  
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm322913.htm>
32. ***October 5, U.S. Food and Drug Administration – (Washington; Oregon) Gretchen's Shoebox Express expands voluntary recall of Protein Bistro Boxes because of possible health risk.*** October 5, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported that Gretchen's Shoebox Express in Seattle expanded its recall of the Starbucks-brand Protein Bistro Box to include enjoy by dates of September 28, 2012, and September 30 through October 6, 2012. The Protein Bistro Box contains peanut butter with one of the lot codes recently added to the Justin's Nut Butter expanded recall. The product was

distributed solely to Starbucks retail stores in Washington and Oregon, from September 29 to October 5.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm322939.htm>

33. ***October 5, U.S. Food and Drug Administration – (Kentucky; Tennessee) Whole Foods Market recalls cheese from two stores in Kentucky and Tennessee because of possible health risk.*** October 5, Whole Foods Market announced the recall of “Kenny’s Farmhouse Cheese KY BL” sold in its Louisville, Kentucky store and “Blue Kentucky Rose Kenny’s” cheese sold in its Nashville, Tennessee store. These cheeses were potentially contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes. Both cheeses were cut and packaged in clear plastic wrap with a Whole Foods Market scale label; the recall includes all sell by dates. This recall was in response to a recall by Kenny’s Farmhouse Cheese of Austin, Kentucky.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm322954.htm>

34. ***October 5, U.S. Food and Drug Administration – (National) Talenti Gelato voluntarily recalls its Chocolate Peanut Butter Cup Gelato due to possible health risk.*** Talenti Gelato recalled its Talenti Chocolate Peanut Butter Cup Gelato because the peanut butter was potentially contaminated with Salmonella, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported October 5. The product was distributed to retail stores throughout the United States between September 2011 and September 2012. It is packaged in clear, plastic, one-pint containers with UPC code 1 86852 00094 5, and has a best by date of March 21, 2013 through March 26, 2014. The recall does not include any other flavors. Talenti Gelato’s recall was in response to the Sunland Inc. peanut butter recall.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm322964.htm>

35. ***October 5, U.S. Food and Drug Administration – (National) Kilwins Quality Confections, Inc. of Petosky, MI, recalls Kilwins sugar free (S/F) Peanut Butter Fudge because of potential health risk.*** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported October 5 that Kilwins Quality Confections recalled all 7-ounce packages of its sugar free S/F Peanut Butter Fudge, because it was potentially contaminated with Salmonella. The product was sold in retail stores in 19 States between October 1, 2011, and October 5, 2012. Eleven lot numbers with the bar code 000648 were included in the recall. The product is in either a light beige box with a small window area or a black and white box with a small window area and a yellow sticker across the top corner that reads “Sugar-Free.” Kilwin’s recall was in response to the Sunland Inc. peanut butter recall.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm322980.htm>

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## **Water Sector**

36. ***October 9, Associated Press – (Louisiana) New Orleans, DHH initiates boil water order.*** The New Orleans Sewerage & Water Board issued a boil water order for Orleans Parish’s east bank because of a loss of power at the main water plant October

8. According to the city, the advisory was issued out of an abundance of caution because the water quality might be unsafe due to bacteriological contamination. East bank residents should not drink, make ice from, brush teeth, bathe or shower, prepare, or rinse food with tap water unless it has been properly disinfected until further notice. Residents should let the water get to a rolling boil and then continue it for another minute before consuming.

Source: <http://theadvocate.com/news/neworleans/4101437-148/new-orleans-dhh-initiates-boil>

37. *October 9, U-T San Diego* – (California) **Sewage spill continue at Batiquitos Lagoon.**

A trickle of sewage into Batiquitos Lagoon in California, October 7, continued into October 8. An estimated 27,000 gallons of wastewater had been released from a broken pipe, Carlsbad officials said. They urged residents in the area to curtail water use, including flushing toilets, doing laundry, and taking showers, to minimize strain on the sewage system and speed repairs. It was not clear when the leak would be stopped or what caused it, said spokeswoman for Carlsbad. She said not all 27,000 gallons had reached the lagoon because the city has large tanker trucks on site to capture the renegade flows. The pipe break was at the pump station at the west end of the lagoon.

Source: <http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2012/oct/09/tp-sewage-spill-continues-at-batiquitos-lagoon/>

38. *October 9, Associated Press* – (Mississippi) **Jackson to pay hundreds of millions in EPA fines and sewer improvements.** The city of Jackson, Mississippi agreed to spend \$400 million to make sewer improvements and to pay fines to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for releasing more than 2.8 billion gallons of minimally treated sewage into the Pearl River system over the last four years. The city council approved the consent decree with the EPA October 8. The mayor said the city was able to craft a deal with the EPA that allowed the city to pay less with more time to make repairs. Jackson will have to pay about \$400 million dollars over the next 17 to 20 years in repairs and penalties. Negotiations had been going on for two years. Officials said the taxpayers have spent \$70 million dollars in sewer system improvements and \$155 million on the water system since 1997.

Source:

<http://www.threpublic.com/view/story/6bb39da4a3d74cf4857acfaa5b293764/MS--Jackson-Sewage>

39. *October 9, Marietta Times* – (Ohio) **Foul water from city well now is OK.** One of three interceptor wells that have been pumping millions of gallons of water daily into the Muskingum River for 26 years has been shut off by Marietta, Ohio's water department due to improved water quality at the site, the Marietta Times reported October 9. The three wells were installed to pump off tetrachloroethylene contaminated water before it reached the production field. Interceptor two was found contaminant free in March and April and has been shut down, but wells one and six will continue to pump off the contaminated water.

Source: <http://www.mariettatimes.com/page/content.detail/id/547180/Foul-water-from-city-well-now-is-OK.html?nav=5002>

40. *October 9, Associated Press* – (Maine) **Auburn residents urge to boil tap water before using.** Residents of Auburn, Maine, October 9, were urged to boil their tap water before using it for cooking or drinking after a water main break sent millions of gallons gushing into the street. The October 8 break was caused by a construction crew that hit the 16-inch water pipe while preparing for the upcoming installation of a gas main. The water district superintendent said the break drained about three million gallons in an hour. About 30 area homes were still without water and residents were urged to boil their water until further notice.

Source: <http://www.wabi.tv/news/34135/auburn-residents-urge-to-boil-tap-water-before-using>

41. *October 8, Chester Chronicle Newspaper* – (New York) **Sewage spill released 3 million gallons.** Officials estimated that 3 million gallons of sewage spilled into a creek in Newburgh, New York, after a rupture in a pipeline built in the 1880s. State authorities said the break happened October 4, and it took until October 5 to get the spill under control. In the meantime, sewage flowed into the Quassaick Creek, and some into the Hudson River. The city manager told the Times Herald-Record that the emergency repairs cost \$800,000. The governor's office said in a statement that people fishing or kayaking on the Hudson south of Poughkeepsie over the next few days should wash their hands thoroughly before eating.

Source:

<http://chroniclenewspaper.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20121008/NEWS01/121009982/Sewage-spill-released-3-million-gallons->

42. *October 8, Fayette Advocate* – (Ohio) **Ohio EPA: City polluting Paint Creek.** The City of Washington Court House was placed on “significant non-compliance” status by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for allegedly violating a 2007 consent letter agreement. According to the Ohio EPA, the city violated the Clean Water Act on dozens of occasions since June 2011 at their waste water treatment plant. In many cases, the violations have resulted in dangerous levels of pollution being pumped into Paint Creek. Paint Creek is a natural flowing stream, winding throughout the city and several adjacent counties. Approximately two-thirds of the city’s water needs are supplied by Paint Creek and the remaining one-third comes from a well field. The City’s public water system uses surface water drawn from Paint Creek, as well as ground water pumped from six water supply wells to supply drinking water to area residents. “This isn’t a human health issue right now. It’s more of an issue for aquatic life,” said an Ohio EPA spokesperson, “We find most cities are meeting their limits. It is not uncommon to have one or two violations per year, but it is uncommon to be in significant non-compliance.”

Source: <http://fayetteadvocate.com/archives/4448/2012/10/08/ohio-epa-city-polluting-paint-creek/>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

43. *October 8, NBC News* – (National) **Fungal meningitis exposure may reach 13,000.** The number of people infected with a rare type of meningitis tied to contaminated steroid injections climbed to 105, federal health officials said October 8. Eight people have died. Infections and deaths have been reported in nine States. As many as 13,000 patients may have been exposed to the potentially contaminated drugs recalled from a Massachusetts compounding pharmacy, officials added. The drugs were given starting May 21, much earlier than previously suspected, officials with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said. The products were distributed to clinics in 23 States. Health officials fear the numbers will continue to rise as doctors check patients for the symptoms. Tennessee continues to log the most victims, with 35 cases and 4 deaths. In Virginia, 23 cases were confirmed, with 1 death. Michigan reported 21 cases and 2 deaths, while Maryland reported 5 cases and 1 death. Other affected States include Florida, with 4 cases; Indiana with 11 cases; Minnesota with 3 cases, North Carolina with 2 cases, and Ohio with 1 case, officials said. The drug in question is called methylprednisolone acetate and is used mostly to treat older patients for lower back pain.

Source: [http://vitals.nbcnews.com/\\_news/2012/10/08/14297235-fungal-meningitis-exposure-may-reach-13000?lite](http://vitals.nbcnews.com/_news/2012/10/08/14297235-fungal-meningitis-exposure-may-reach-13000?lite)

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

44. *October 9, KPTV 12 Portland* – (Oregon) **3-alarm fire forces West Linn High School evacuation.** Firefighters battled a three-alarm fire at West Linn High School in West Linn, Oregon, October 8. The school was evacuated. Investigators said the fire started accidentally as a welder worked outside the gymnasium. Sparks from the welder's torch caught some nearby bushes on fire and school employees put out the fire. However, firefighters arrived and noticed smoke coming from the eaves of the building. After determining the fire had spread into the crawlspace of the gym, they got the flames under control over 2 hours later. Classes were canceled October 10. School officials notified parents via email when they decide whether or not to hold classes the rest of the week of October 8. The school's main gym sustained heavy smoke and water damage. Lockers and the main kitchen were also damaged.

Source: <http://www.kptv.com/story/19767353/3-alarm-fire-forces-west-linn-high-school-evacuation>

45. *October 9, WCAU 10 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **9 kids hospitalized after school gas leak.** Nine children were hospitalized and treated for dizziness and nausea after a gas leak at a Philadelphia elementary school October 9. Authorities were investigating why a generator never shut down after a power failure occurred at the school over the weekend of October 6. Fire crews responded to the scene. Officials did not believe the

injuries were severe.

Source: <http://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/breaking/Elementary-School-Evacuates-After-Gas-Leak--173294911.html>

46. *October 8, Lansing State Journal* – (Michigan) **Suspect in Bath schools bomb threat arraigned.** A woman was arraigned October 8 on a charge of making a bomb threat that caused classes to be delayed in Michigan’s Bath School District October 4. Bath Township police said two bomb threat messages were left on the school district’s voice mail system October 3. A school official listened to the messages October 4, and students were evacuated from the high school and middle school. Classes at the elementary school were delayed for about two hours. Police swept the buildings with bomb dogs and determined the threats were false. The Clinton County Sheriff’s Office, Michigan State Police, Capital Region International Airport Police, and the Bath Township Fire Department helped in the investigation.

Source:

<http://www.lansingstatejournal.com/article/20121008/NEWS01/310080044/Suspect-Bath-schools-bomb-threat-arraigned?odyssey=nav/head>

47. *October 4, USA Today* – (National) **Think tanks hit by hackers from China, other nations.** USA Today reported October 4 that American think tanks are key targets in a “furious wave of cyber-espionage” aimed at U.S. Government and business by China and other countries, according to the chairman of the House Intelligence Committee. A Michigan congressman said the hacking is part of a campaign by China and other nations to obtain valuable information on a number of fronts, from policy deliberations and pending litigation, to national defense and private product development. A senior fellow and director of technology and public policy at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, said that during the transition to the U.S. President’s administration in 2008 and 2009 some people moving from think tanks and the private sector into the administration had their email accounts hacked. He said the hackers were looking for information to help build profiles on those who were about to serve in the government. The FBI’s former top cyber-security official said overall cyber-attack complaints reported to U.S. authorities were increasing by 20 percent annually. He said that think tanks, consulting organizations, and law firms have long been prized targets of foreign espionage operations.

Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2012/10/04/think-tanks-cyberattacks-china-hacking/1600269/>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

48. *October 9, WXYZ 7 Detroit* – (Michigan) **All clear given after evacuation at dispatch center for Detroit Fire Department, Police and EMS.** The all clear was given at the city of Detroit’s emergency services dispatch center — the facility was evacuated October 9 because of a gas leak. Officials said the leak occurred offsite and the gas entered into the building through the duct work. The facility is located on the city’s west side. The evacuation affected the Detroit Police and Fire Departments, as well as

EMS. Three people were taken to the hospital to be examined. Officials were aired out the building in the afternoon. 9-1-1 service was rerouted and was handled by the city's 3-1-1 operators. Officials said the service was briefly disrupted during the time it took to reroute it to the new location.

Source: <http://www.wxyz.com/dpp/news/region/detroit/dispatch-center-for-detroit-fire-department-police-and-ems-evacuated-due-to-gas-leak>

49. ***October 7, Associated Press*** – (California) **5 inmates seriously hurt in brawl at Ironwood State Prison in Blythe.** Five inmates at Ironwood State Prison in Blythe, California, were seriously injured after a fight broke out involving more than 100 inmates. A spokesman for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation said the fight occurred October 6 in an outdoor yard. Prison guards had to fire a warning shot to quell the situation. A spokesman said the five injured inmates were taken to nearby hospitals for treatment.

Source:

<http://www.threpublic.com/view/story/3c0ad89449464a8fb6740407e0e42b05/CA--Prison-Brawl>

50. ***October 6, New Bedford Standard-Times*** – (Massachusetts) **Fire alarm systems disrupted in North End.** Approximately 200 businesses and large-scale residences in New Bedford, Massachusetts, lost signaling capacity October 5 to alert public safety officials to fires after ongoing construction work damaged an underground cable, according to the district fire chief. He said the cable extends below Acushnet Avenue and was broken October 5 between Coggeshall and Sawyer streets. The damage affected several circuits that are associated with about 200 fire alarm boxes tied to businesses and residences with more than 12 units. He said it was difficult to specify the geographical span of the problem, but that it mostly affected the North End, including a significant portion of New Bedford Business Park. Fire alarms at the buildings would still work normally despite the glitch. However, the problem would prevent transmission of an automatic signal notifying the fire department. Fire dispatchers had to call affected buildings to alert them of the problem and tell them that any fires would need to be reported.

Source:

<http://www.southcoasttoday.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20121006/NEWS/210060342/-1/NEWS10>

51. ***October 5, Government Security News*** – (National) **CO2 exposure in public places increasing danger for emergency responders.** New generation technology that delivers Carbon dioxide (CO2) to soda fountains in restaurants and other commercial applications could be a hidden danger to emergency responders, warned a memo circulated to emergency responders during the summer of 2012 by the Los Angeles Joint Regional Intelligence Center, Government Security News reported October 5. The “Unclassified, For Official Use Only (U//FOUO)” memo circulated to emergency responders by the fusion center in July and made available on the Public Intelligence open source Web site October 4, notes that within the past years, first responders and members of the public have had numerous issues with CO2 exposure in public places. The memo said first responders and members of the public have died of asphyxiation,

or fallen ill, following accidental inhalation of concentrated carbon dioxide in public locations. It said at least two recent emergency response incidents resulted from significant gas leaks caused by the failure of liquid CO<sub>2</sub> lines connected to beverage dispensers in commercial facilities.

Source:

[http://www.gsnmagazine.com/node/27530?c=disaster\\_preparedness\\_emergency\\_response](http://www.gsnmagazine.com/node/27530?c=disaster_preparedness_emergency_response)

52. *October 5, Orlando Sentinel* – (Florida) **Machete attacker zapped by stun guns at Florida police station.** A Florida man was shot twice with stun guns and eventually subdued after swinging a machete at officers inside the Fort Myers Police Department. The attack October 3 was caught on security video, which was released to the public. The man was charged with assault on an officer, resisting arrest without violence, and providing a false name to a law enforcement officer. The man entered the police department, asked to speak to an officer, and sat down in the lobby. “Two officers entered the building for unrelated business when one of them observed the man sitting in a chair armed with a silver machete,” the report said. That was when he jumped up and began swinging the machete at the officers. “The officers encouraged the man to drop the weapon while stating they could help him,” the report noted. When he began advancing on them, one of the officers deployed his stun gun. However, the machete cut the line between the gun and the probe that delivers the electric charge, rendering the weapon ineffective. Another officer fired his stun gun, and the probe hit the man’s upper torso, causing him to fall to the ground and drop the machete. “The man continued to actively fight the officers by kicking and flailing his legs. Officers had to carry him to a patrol car to be transported to the jail,” the report noted.

Source: <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/breakingnews/os-machete-attack-taser-stun-guns-20121005,0,6713241.story>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

53. *October 9, Help Net Security* – (International) **New TDL4 rootkit successfully hiding from AV.** A new variant of TDL4 was identified, and it is now ranked as the second most prevalent malware strain within 2 months since its detection. The characteristics are similar to the iteration of the TDL4 rootkit, detected by Damballa in September. Damballa detected the malware through its network behavioral analysis software, which detected the generated domain names the new variant apparently uses for command-and-control communication. Since Damballa could only determine the existence of the new malware by looking for domain fluxing, it was concluded that no binary samples of the new malware were identified and categorized by commercial antivirus products operating at the host or network levels. HitmanPro, however, detected Sst.c — also known as Maxss — a modification of the TDL4 strain, and it is spreading fast. This new variant is capable of infecting the Volume Boot Record (VBR) (also known as Partition Table), and commercial antivirus products are unable to detect it, let alone remove the malware. The vice president and GM Wave Systems EMEA provided the following commentary: “Following the success of TDL4, hackers have

been able to use the rootkit to develop new variants that continue to go undetected by antivirus. The latest iteration, dubbed Sst.c, infects the Volume Boot Record.” Without embedded hardware security to detect anomalies of behavior in the boot process, it starts to cause havoc damaging the network. It also reduces the window of detection for the enterprise to contain the threat.

Source: [http://www.net-security.org/malware\\_news.php?id=2288](http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2288)

54. *October 9, The Register* – (International) **Surprise! Microsoft patches latest IE10**

**Flash vulns on time.** Microsoft surprised Windows 8 and Windows Server 2012 users October 8 by issuing a patch that fixes 25 security vulnerabilities found in the Adobe Flash Player component of Internet Explorer (IE) 10, mere hours after Adobe issued its own patch for the Flash Player plug-in used by other browsers. Unlike earlier versions of Internet Explorer, IE10 bundles Flash Player as an integral part of the browser, much like how Google bundles Flash with Chrome. That means Adobe’s patches, which are designed for the plug-in version of Flash, will not work on IE10. As with other IE10 security flaws, security fixes for IE10’s Flash component can only come from Microsoft.

Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/10/09/ms\\_ontime\\_ie10\\_flash\\_fix/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/10/09/ms_ontime_ie10_flash_fix/)

55. *October 9, The H* – (International) **CloudStack alert users to critical vulnerability.**

Citrix and the Apache Software Foundation alerted users to a critical vulnerability in the CloudStack open source cloud infrastructure management software. All versions downloaded from the [cloudstack.org](http://cloudstack.org) site will be vulnerable. CloudStack is also an incubating Apache project but there have been no official releases from Apache of that project. If users took the source from the Apache project, that software will be vulnerable. Details of the issue were disclosed October 7; it appears the system had a configuration issue which meant any user could execute arbitrary CloudStack API calls such as deleting all the VMs in the system. A workaround, detailed in the various announcements, involves logging into the MySQL database that backs the system and setting a random password on the `cloud.user` account. The Apache CloudStack code was updated with a fix for the issue and it is believed the issue should not affect any upcoming releases of the incubating Apache CloudStack project; version 4.0 has currently been frozen and a release candidate is expected soon.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/CloudStack-alert-users-to-critical-vulnerability-1726599.html>

56. *October 9, The H* – (International) **Adobe releases 25 critical Flash patches.**

Adobe, Microsoft, and Google issued updates to their products to patch vulnerabilities in their various distributions of Adobe’s Flash Player. Nearly all of the 25 critical vulnerabilities fixed by the updates were discovered by the Google Security Team. Adobe said the Windows version of Flash Player is a “Priority 1” update which normally indicates that there is an exploit in the wild for one or more of the holes, but Adobe did not indicate this was the case. Adobe recommended that Windows users install the updates as soon as possible. The vulnerabilities are either characterized as buffer overflow or memory corruption vulnerabilities but no other details are currently available. As Microsoft and Google now embed Flash Player in their browsers, both had to issue updates through their normal update channels. Microsoft updated its

Internet Explorer 10 Web browser for Windows 8 and Windows Server 2012 to close these Flash holes through Windows Update. The embedded version of Flash in Google's Chrome was also updated with version 22.0.1229.92 of Chrome for Windows, Mac OS X, and Linux in the browser's stable release channel. This release of Chrome also closes five other holes, one of which is rated critical and is due to a race condition in Chrome's audio device handling.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Adobe-releases-25-critical-Flash-patches-1726163.html>

57. *October 9, Computerworld* – (International) **Windows 7 malware infection rate soars in 2012.** Windows 7's malware infection rate climbed by as much as 182 percent in 2012, Microsoft said October 9. However, even with that dramatic increase, Windows 7 remained two to three times less likely to fall to hacker attack than the aged Windows XP. Data from Microsoft's newest twice-yearly security report showed that in the second quarter of 2012, Windows 7 was between 33 percent and 182 percent more likely to be infected by malware than in the second quarter of 2011. The infection rate for Windows RTM, or "release to manufacturing," the original version launched in October 2009, was 33 percent higher in 2012 for the 32-bit edition (x86), and 59 percent higher for the 64-bit (x64) OS. Windows 7 Service Pack 1 (SP1) — the upgrade that shipped in February 2011 — saw even larger infection increases: 172 percent for x86, and 182 percent for x64. Microsoft blamed several factors for the boost in successful malware attacks, including less savvy users.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9232188/Windows\\_7\\_malware\\_infection\\_rate\\_soars\\_in\\_2012](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9232188/Windows_7_malware_infection_rate_soars_in_2012)

58. *October 9, Softpedia* – (International) **Salinity botnet scans entire Internet in search for vulnerable VoIP servers.** Experts discovered the Salinity botnet may have mapped all the IPv4 addresses in search for vulnerable voice-over-IP (VoIP) servers. In a paper called "Analysis of a "/0" Stealth Scan from a Botnet," researchers from the University of California and the University of Napoli in Italy presented the results of a study performed with the aid of the UCSD darknet, designed to study malicious Internet activity. Salinity is a piece of malware whose main goal has been to infect Web servers, spread spam, and steal data. However, the new research unveiled another purpose: to identify vulnerable VoIP targets that could be utilized in vishing or toll fraud attacks. By leveraging a technique called "reverse-byte order scanning," Salinity managed to scan possibly the entire IPv4 space without being identified. That is because the technique utilizes a low number of packets that come from different sources, Dark Reading wrote.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Salinity-Botnet-Scans-Entire-Internet-in-Search-for-Vulnerable-VoIP-Servers-Video-298049.shtml>

59. *October 8, The Register* – (International) **Bing is the most heavily poisoned search engine, study says.** Bing search results are more affected by poisoning than those of other search engines, according to a study by SophosLabs. Search engine poisoning attacks are designed to skew results so that dodgy sites — anything from malware infected Web sites to payday loan sites — appear prominently in the index of sites related to popular search terms. In many cases, the tactic is so successful that malware

sites appear in the first page of results for popular search terms, sometimes much higher than legitimate Web sites. More recently, miscreants began trying to manipulate image search results.

Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/10/08/bing\\_worst\\_search\\_poisoning/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/10/08/bing_worst_search_poisoning/)

60. *October 8, Threatpost* – (International) **Proxy service a front for malware distribution.** Hundreds of thousands of users who signed up for an inexpensive proxy service called Proxybox.name ended up installing a trojan linked to a botnet first detected during the summer. Researchers at Symantec reverse engineered the Backdoor.Proxybox malware and unearthed a major black hat operation and perhaps the actual malware developer. The investigation started with a legitimate looking Russian Web site advertising access to thousands of proxies for an extremely low monthly fee that could be paid via WebMoney, Liberty Reserve, and RoboKassa. A closer inspection of the command-and-control server showed the botnet maintains some 40,000 users online at any time. Advertisements for Proxybox.name appear on four other Web sites all linked to the same author. They include vpnlab.ru, avcheck.ru, and whoer.net, which provides proxy testing. This led Symantec researchers to believe the same Russian hacker is behind the black hat operation.  
Source: [http://threatpost.com/en\\_us/blogs/proxy-service-front-malware-distribution-100812](http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/proxy-service-front-malware-distribution-100812)
61. *October 8, IDG News Service* – (International) **Facebook's phone search can be abused to find people's numbers, researchers say.** Attackers can abuse Facebook's phone search feature to find valid phone numbers and the names of their owners, according to security researchers. The attack is possible because Facebook does not limit the number of phone number searches that can be performed by a user via the mobile version of its Web site, an independent security researcher said October 5. Facebook allows users to associate their phone numbers with their accounts. Since most people do not change the default value of this setting, it is possible for an attacker to generate a list of sequential phone numbers within a chosen range — for example from a specific operator — and use Facebook's search box to discover who they belong to, the researcher said. Connecting a random phone number to a name is every advertiser's dream and these types of lists would fetch a large price on the black market, he said.  
Source:  
[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9232178/Facebook\\_s\\_phone\\_search\\_can\\_be\\_abused\\_to\\_find\\_people\\_s\\_numbers\\_researchers\\_say?taxonomyId=244](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9232178/Facebook_s_phone_search_can_be_abused_to_find_people_s_numbers_researchers_say?taxonomyId=244)

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## **Communications Sector**

62. *October 8, Kansas City Business Journal* – (National) **Sprint fixes network disruption in Pacific Northwest.** Two fiber cuts to Sprint Nextel Corp.’s wireless network affected Pacific Northwesterners trying to make phone calls, use data on their smartphones, and even catch flights October 8. All services were restored by October 8, according to Overland Park-based Sprint. The first cut happened October 7 or October 8, botching service to customers between Chicago and Milwaukee. A Sprint spokeswoman said the incident was tied to work at a railroad involving non-Sprint employees. A second cut happened again October 8, somewhere between Tacoma, Washington, and Portland, Oregon, disrupting voice and data services for customers between northern California, parts of Oregon, and parts of Washington. Sprint has not determined the cause of the second cut, which slowed the terminal check-in process for Sprint customer Alaska Airlines October 8, leading to significant flight delays. Alaska Airlines, which uses Sprint’s data services, had to manually check in passengers until the fiber lines were repaired and services were restored, a spokeswoman for Sprint said. Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/kansascity/news/2012/10/08/sprint-fixes-network-disruption-in.html>
63. *October 8, El Dorado Hills Telegraph* – (California) **Phone service cut for 4,000 Folsom residents; repairs expected by Friday evening.** October 4, a tractor digging at a construction site along Riley Street in Folsom, California, severed a major AT&T phone line, disrupting service to city facilities as well as nearly 4,000 AT&T residential customers. The disruption was expected to continue through October 5. The Folsom Police and Fire Department’s 9-1-1 emergency communications were forwarded to the Sacramento County Sheriff’s Communications Bureau to ensure public safety was not affected. Source: <http://www.fireengineering.com/news/2012/10/08/phone-service-cut-for-4-000-folsom-residents-repairs-expected-by-friday-evening.html>
64. *October 8, Infosecurity* – (International) **Telecom vendors Huawei, ZTE, pose cyber-espionage threats, lawmakers conclude.** Two top telecom infrastructure vendors from China, Huawei, and ZTE, pose potential cyber-espionage threats, according to a panel of U.S. lawmakers on intelligence, Infosecurity reported October 8. After an 11-month investigation, the U.S. House of Representatives’ Permanent Committee on Intelligence suggested that telecom networks built on Huawei and ZTE gear could provide a way for the Chinese government to bake in listening vectors, for instance. There is a “heightened threat of cyber espionage and predatory disruption or destruction of US networks if telecommunications networks are built by companies with known ties to the Chinese state, a country known to aggressively steal valuable trade secrets and other sensitive data from American companies,” the report said. The panel recommended that American telcos, cable MSOs, satellite companies, wireless operators, and broadband providers should consider other vendors going forward when building out or expanding networks. And, sensitive government systems should exclude Huawei or ZTE equipment or component parts — Huawei in particular has a large enterprise IT division that could supply federal and State networks. And, it said that it would seek to block mergers or acquisitions involving Huawei and ZTE due to

national security concerns.

Source: <http://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/view/28672/telecom-vendors-huawei-zte-pose-cyberespionage-threats-lawmakers-conclude/>

65. ***October 7, WFLI 18 Lafayette*** – (Indiana) **Phone lines down in Lafayette.** The Frontier Communications general manager said October 5 construction crews working in Lafayette, Indiana, accidentally pulled around 200 feet of fiber out of the ground, cutting the fiber cables in the process. Damage to the fiber cables led to a massive landline and Internet outage posing new problems for emergency personnel. Although people could not contact the non-emergency line, the West Lafayette Police lieutenant said police were still able to respond to emergencies.  
Source: [http://www.wishtv.com/dpp/news/local/north\\_central/phone-lines-down-in-lafayette](http://www.wishtv.com/dpp/news/local/north_central/phone-lines-down-in-lafayette)

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

66. ***October 9, Glenside Times Chronicle*** – (Pennsylvania) **Stove fire determined to be cause of Friday condo fire in Cheltenham.** A four-alarm fire condominiums in Cheltenham Township, Pennsylvania, October 5 displaced an estimated 75 to 100 people, according to a American Red Cross spokesman. He was told October 8 the entire 55-unit B building in the four-building complex was uninhabitable, due to fire and water damage. Thirty-seven families and a total of 47 people had been given financial assistance from the Red Cross for emergency needs like food, clothing, shelter, medicine, and toiletries as of October 7, he said. Nine third-floor units in building B were severely damaged or destroyed by the fire, and many other units had fire, water, and smoke damage. The Cheltenham fire marshal said October 9 that the building, the largest in the 166-unit complex, was uninhabitable and was being evaluated by a structural engineer to access its integrity. Five people had to be rescued from the B building, where the fire broke out, according to the Glenside fire company chief. Seven people were sent to the hospital, two of them firefighters, all with non-life-threatening injuries. All the power and gas was shut off to the entire four-building complex and all residents were evacuated, the fire company chief said October 6.  
Source:  
[http://www.montgomerynews.com/articles/2012/10/09/glenside\\_news\\_globe\\_times\\_chronicle/news/doc5070211a44867338687079.txt?viewmode=fullstory](http://www.montgomerynews.com/articles/2012/10/09/glenside_news_globe_times_chronicle/news/doc5070211a44867338687079.txt?viewmode=fullstory)

67. ***October 8, Chester Daily Local*** – (Pennsylvania) **Fire leaves W. Chester apartments uninhabitable.** Three apartments were declared uninhabitable after a fire broke out in a second floor kitchen October 8 in West Chester, Pennsylvania. According to the West Chester fire chief, a resident of the building's third-floor apartment came home and noticed smoke in his home. Firefighters arrived on the scene and found fire in the rear kitchen of the second-floor apartment. Fire marshals determined the fire was accidental. The fire's origin was traced to an outlet that had a toaster plugged into it. The building

- was determined uninhabitable due to damage caused by the fire. Officials estimated damage to the building at \$200,000, and damage to the building's contents at \$100,000. Source: <http://www.dailylocal.com/article/20121008/NEWS01/121009625/fire-leaves-w-chester-apartments-uninhabitable>
68. ***October 8, Associated Press – (Colorado) Man remains in critical condition after carbon monoxide poisoning.*** Investigators were trying to determine the source of a carbon monoxide leak that killed one person at a Colorado Springs, Colorado, apartment complex and left a man in critical condition. Authorities said they were called to the Vista Peak Apartments in the eastern part of the city October 7 after several people reported feeling sick with symptoms associated with carbon monoxide poisoning. The carbon monoxide alarms in several apartments also were going off. A hazardous materials team was called, and the apartments were evacuated. City officials said the property manager provided overnight accommodations to nine families as a precaution.  
Source: <http://www.koaa.com/news/man-remains-in-critical-condition-after-carbon-monoxide-poisoning/>
69. ***October 8, Kennewick Tri-City Herald – (Washington) Pipe bomb found in Kennewick apartment during search for drugs.*** A late-night traffic stop landed a suspect from Kennewick, Washington in jail after officers found marijuana in his car and a small bomb in his apartment, police said. The suspect was stopped October 6 by Kennewick police for a traffic infraction. Officers smelled marijuana in the car, then went to his apartment and smelled marijuana there as well, said a Kennewick police spokesman. Detectives with the department's Criminal Apprehension Team then got a warrant to search the apartment, and discovered a small bomb was found inside a safe. Officers left the apartment and called out Richland police's Bomb Squad. Bomb squad technicians were able to disable the pipe bomb.  
Source: <http://www.tri-cityherald.com/2012/10/08/2128993/pipe-bomb-found-in-kennewick-apartment.html>
70. ***October 8, WAOW 9 Wausau – (Wisconsin) Fire destroys apartment complex in Wausau.*** Firefighters said the Tamarack Heights Apartment complex in Wausau, Wisconsin, was a total loss after a fire, WAOW 9 Wausau reported October 8. Crews said everyone was able to get out safely. The Wausau battalion chief said there were eight apartment units, with seven occupied. Firefighters said the roof collapsed and the fire quickly spread. Officials said the fire may have been caused by a wood burner. They said the fire caused \$300,000 in damage and they would continue investigating the scene to determine the exact cause.  
Source: <http://www.waow.com/story/19759861/fire-at-tamarack-heights-apartments>
71. ***October 7, KPIX 5 San Francisco; Bay City News – (California) Suspected explosive materials removed from park in San Mateo.*** Emergency crews gave the all clear after three suspicious plastic liter-sized bottles caused an evacuation of a park and nearby homes in San Mateo, California October 7, a police sergeant said. Police and fire reported to Casanova Park in San Mateo after a park employee called about three suspicious plastic bottles with clear liquid and aluminum. The employee told police the

clear liquid was emitting a strong chemical odor. A hazardous materials crew and bomb squad reported to the park when police and fire crews determined the bottles to be consistent with a homemade explosive device, the sergeant said. The park was empty when the employee found the bottles. The park was closed and 15 nearby homes were evacuated, and residents were notified with shelter-in-place calls. The hazards team and bomb squad neutralized the bottles and gave the all clear. The park was deemed safe and was reopened, and all residents were allowed back into their homes.

Source: <http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2012/10/07/suspicious-bottles-san-mateo/>

72. ***October 6, KNBC 4 Los Angeles*** – (California) **Parolee gives up at Disneyland-area hotel room.** A parolee who barricaded himself in a hotel room near Disneyland gave himself up to police in Anaheim, California, after a standoff that lasted nearly 9 hours and caused three hotels to be evacuated, KNBC 4 Los Angeles reported October 6. The suspect was wanted on a parole violation related to an assault with a deadly weapon in San Diego County, according to the Anaheim Police deputy chief. When parole agents approached him at a Ramada about a half-mile south of Disneyland, based on a tip about his location, he barricaded himself in the room with two women. Two other people inside the room turned out to be the suspect's girlfriend and her adult daughter. The daughter left the room and authorities were informed that he was armed. An assistant manager at the Ramada said the group had checked in more than a week ago. No one was harmed during the standoff with the suspect, whom authorities said was on active parole for a narcotics violation. The Ramada at was evacuated for several hours, and two other hotels on either side of it were partially evacuated. A SWAT team was present and several roadways in the area were blocked temporarily.

Source: <http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Parolee-Takes-Hostages-in-Disneyland-Area-Hotel-Room-Anaheim-172990091.html>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

73. ***October 8, Oregon Public Broadcasting*** – (Oregon; Washington) **Northwest wildfires have burned record number of acres in 2012.** The U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) said 2012 has been the worst fire season in the last 100 years, Oregon Public Broadcasting reported October 8. Oregon and Washington have experienced fewer fires than average in 2012, but a record number of acres have burned. A team from the Northwest Interagency Coordination Center, which handles the logistics of fire suppression, presented data on the current fire season to an Oregon senator. Three factors set the stage for larger than usual fires in the northwest. First, in southeast Oregon, very little winter snow and a buildup of grasses and sagebrush contributed to the rapid growth of the Long Draw fire, Oregon's largest fire since 1865, according to the interagency team. Then, in August and September, thousands of lightning strikes ignited two new waves of wildfires across the region, including the Taylor Bridge, which destroyed 61 primary residences. Finally, a summer drought, that continues still, has extended fire season and contributed to the growth of dozens of fires in central and eastern Washington. A meteorologist with the Northwest Interagency Coordination Center said it is unusual for the northwest to have such a dry September.

The Forest Service and BLM said so far they have spent about \$250 million dollars fighting fires in the northwest in 2012.

Source: <http://earthfix.opb.org/land/article/wildfires-in-the-northwest-have-burned-record-numb/>

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## **Dams Sector**

### **74. October 9, *Traverse City Record-Eagle* – (Michigan) **Damage claims swelling.****

Property damage claims from flooding on the Boardman River in Michigan are swelling. Officials said they have received 30 to 40 claims from homeowners swamped when Brown Bridge Pond abruptly emptied. The Grand Traverse County Emergency Management director set up a flood damage hotline October 8 to make it easier for homeowners to report losses. Flooding stemmed from the October 6 breach of a structure at the Brown Bridge Dam, which is being removed in a sprawling project intended to return the Boardman River to a more natural state. A construction company's crew worked to slowly drain the dam's pond part of a "dewatering structure," but apparently failed and allowed pond water to barrel down the Boardman. The torrent felled trees, threatened county bridges, killed fish, and drenched riverside houses and property. The exact cause of the accident was not known, but AMEC, an engineering firm that is supervising the project, and a construction company, Molon Excavation, were going to "make it right" for homeowners through reimbursement from the companies' insurance policies. The city also has a \$3 million insurance policy to cover dam removal project damages.

Source: <http://record-eagle.com/local/x1475177654/Damage-claims-swelling>

### **75. October 8, *KMA 960 AM Shenandoah/99.1 FM Clarinda* – (National) **Levees return to pre-flood conditions.****

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers believes the Missouri River levee system's protection level is back to what it was before the 2011 flood, KMA 960 AM Shenandoah/99.1 FM Clarinda reported October 8. The 2011 Missouri River flood was the longest-lasting in recorded history, 145 days. It overtopped or breached 157 levees, most of them privately-maintained, and caused millions of dollars damage. However, the damage would have been worse without the levees and the upstream reservoirs that held back even more water. "All the economists tells us \$7.6 million dollars worth (of damage) was spared because of that system," said the Corps' district commander. His office oversaw the repairs and rebuilding of the levee system since the official end of the flood October 17 2011. "Eleven of those levees had breaches," he said, "All eleven of those breach locations are back to the level of protection before the 2011 flood fight." The federal government provides 80 percent funding for districts built to federal standards that are maintained by private sponsors. The districts raise the other 20 percent. Some districts struggled to raise their shares. He credits the State for providing community development block grants to those districts to help reach that match. Without those grants, he said, some repair contracts might not be in place. He said much still needs to be done to repair riverbanks and channel damage and that might take 2 or 3 years to finish.

Source: [http://kmaland.com/03233\\_Levees\\_return\\_to\\_pre-flood\\_conditions\\_090148.asp](http://kmaland.com/03233_Levees_return_to_pre-flood_conditions_090148.asp)

76. *October 5, Upper Macungie Patch – (Pennsylvania) Upper Macungie gets grant to fix Fogelsville Dam.* Upper Macungie Township, Pennsylvania, received a \$100,000 grant from the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to help repair the Fogelsville dam. The Board of Supervisors voted unanimously October 4 to seek an additional grant that would cover the remaining cost of fixing the dam. The State listed Fogelsville dam on Haasadahl Road as a “high hazard dam,” and the State Department of Environmental Protection asked Upper Macungie to either fix or remove the dam. The designation “high hazard” refers to the potential for loss of life or property if the dam should break. When the Upper Macungie supervisors met in September, a representative said that breaching the dam, removing the barrier that holds the water back, would be costly because the dam helps hold up Haasadahl Road. Consequently, the dam could not be removed without extensive work to the road. She said that could cost about \$2 million. Instead, the township engineer said in September that the township submitted a grant application to cover the cost of lowering the dam by 6 feet.  
Source: <http://uppermacungie.patch.com/articles/upper-macungie-gets-grant-to-fix-fogelsville-dam>

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